

## **NOVEMBER IS MOUTH CANCER AWARENESS MONTH.**

Oral cancer is the largest group of those cancers which fall into the head and neck cancer category. Approximately 37,000 people in the US will be newly diagnosed with oral cancer in 2010. This is the fifth year in a row in which there has been an increase in the rate of occurrence of oral cancers.



While some think this is a rare cancer, mouth cancer will be newly diagnosed in about 100 new individuals each day in the US alone, and a person dies from oral cancer every hour of every day. When found at early stages of development, oral cancers have an 80 to 90 % survival rate.

**Xerostom** can help these patients get through their treatment by improving their quality of life and making the treatment more bearable.